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1-13. (Canceled).

14. (Twice Amended) An image input device for picking up images of one subject or more by switching of an image pickup direction, said image input device comprising:

- an image pickup unit adapted to pick up an image of a subject and [for outputting] to output an image signal corresponding to the picked-up image;
- an image pickup direction switch adapted to switch the image pickup direction of said image pickup unit;
- a first detection unit adapted to detect a change of an angle of the image pickup direction; and
- [a storage unit adapted to store the image signal of one subject or more picked up by said image pickup unit in accordance with a result that a predetermined angle is detected by said first detection unit; and
- an inhibiting unit adapted to inhibit the image signal of one subject or more picked up by said image pick up unit from being stored when an angle detected by said first detection unit is different from said predetermined angle]
- a control unit adapted to automatically store an image signal including a predetermined angle in a storage unit, in accordance with detecting a change of the image pickup direction by said first detection unit.

28. (Twice Amended) An image input method for picking up an image of a subject by switching an image pickup direction and outputting image signals corresponding to picked-up images of the subjects, the image input method comprising the steps of:

detecting a change of an angle of the image pickup direction; and

[inhibiting the picked-up image of the subject from being stored when a detected angle is different from said predetermined angle]

automatically storing an image signal including a predetermined angle in a storage unit, in accordance with detecting a change of an angle of the image pickup direction by said first detection unit.

33-38. (Canceled).